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Mr. J. Smith Henley
Director
Office of Administrative Procedure
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henley:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of February 4 to Mr. Dulles concerning administrative procedures.

The functions of this Agency, as set forth in the National Security Act and as further amplified by the National Security Council Directives, relate primarily to the correlation, evaluation, and dissemination within the Government of foreign intelligence. Furthermore, the Agency is prohibited by the statute from any police, subpoena, or internal-security functions.

Such relations as we have with the general public are for the collection of information, and we have no rule-making function of any sort. It appears extremely unlikely that under our charter we shall ever be assigned any function of that nature. Consequently, to date we have not been concerned with administrative procedures and we, therefore, have no rules of practice or procedure, either published or within the Agency. The sole exception is, of course, the handling of personnel cases under Executive Order 10450, for which our regulations are coordinated with and approved by the Department of Justice.

Should we at any time acquire any function which involves rule making or administrative practices in any form, we would welcome the advice and assistance of your office.

Very truly yours,

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